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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2007, the following is submitted:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.